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Fresh experience

Seven-year-old Warren Little coasts along the outdoor skating oval with his older sister Kaitlyn, 10, trailing on Thursday, Jan. 4 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The siblings from Powassan were visiting their grandmother during their holidays and enjoying the newly opened rink, which was made ready by Dysart et al staff during the week./DARREN LUM Staff

Firefighters kept busy over holidays

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

While many this holiday season were warm inside over the holidays, Haliburton firefighters were on call, responding to almost a dozen calls between Dec. 24 and 30.

"For us, generally ... we do one or two calls in that time frame," said Mike Iles, Dysart et al fire chief. He said the 11 calls received over that period this year included car accidents, alarm calls, calls in which people were reporting smoke and medical calls, and one call took place on Christmas Day.

"It unfortunately drags firefighters away from families," said Iles. "They don't begrudge it, but it's a special time for everyone so it certainly bites into their time over the holidays."

The public served by the firefighters were appreciative of their efforts, especially in the case of a localized power outage on Dec. 28, when the temperature had dropped to -31°C (see letter to the editor, page 8). Firefighters had returned from attending a car accident at Kennisis Lake when a call came in about the power outage, which occurred on Park Street, because people were concerned about elderly residents in the area.

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County to fund transit plan

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council has decided it will hire a consultant to complete a transportation project implementation study, but whether or not the municipality moves ahead with some sort of transit system will be a decision for the next council.

During their Dec. 13 meeting, councillors received a business case for a public transportation system, submitted by a local transportation task force.

That task force was formed during a transportation summit held in November of 2016.

The submission suggested two main options for a transportation system in Haliburton County.

One was a booked, shared ride service that would see some kind of shuttle picking up residents who book rides, operating five days a week with an estimated cost of about \$192,000 a year.

The second was a blended model that would see a bus travelling a fixed route, with a booked, shared ride service bringing residents to pick-up locations of the fixed route.

Operating five days a week, the estimated cost for this service would be \$315,000 per annum.

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Firefighters check on residents without power

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Iles said it wasn't typical that firefighters would go door to door checking in on residents, like they did that night, but the extreme cold and concern from neighbours prompted the visits.

"Everyone was fine and said they were fine," said Iles. "Everyone was aware and prepared but we just wanted to be certain that was the case."

Firefighters were prepared to call for ambulances should anyone have been at risk, or to arrange for shelter if the power didn't come on promptly.

In Highlands East, the holiday season was slightly less busy than usual, but Chris Baughman, acting fire chief, said the calls over the year changed on an annual basis.

"We always average between 240 to 300 calls a year," he said. "One year it might be 240 and we think we're doing good, then the next year we're at 300. It's not necessarily a downward trend or upward trend, it seems to vary each year."

The Highlands East fire department usually attends about five calls over the period of Dec. 22 to Jan. 1, but this year responded to just two, which coincides with a lower-than-average number of calls over the fall season.

One was a medical assist call, and the other was a Boxing Day accident on South Wilberforce Road in which a 73-year-old man reversing a tractor down his driveway collided with a pick-up truck.

The man was airlifted to a Toronto hospital and the accident is under an ongoing investigation.

Baughman said the cold temperatures could result in an increased number of carbon monoxide calls, or calls related to heating devices inside the home.

He reminded homeowners to clear any outdoor vents that might get backed up with snow and cause carbon monoxide malfunction.

Public uptake key to success

from page 1

During a Jan. 4 council meeting, county planner Charley White told councillors that a new community transportation grant program from the Ministry of Transportation provides communities with grants of up to \$500,000, over a five-year period. With an application deadline in February, a catch of the program is that municipalities must commit to a five-year project.

"The first year (or part) may be used to plan and create an implementation process for an intended service," reads a report from White. "The remaining four years, where the implementation plan identifies that the service is viable, can be used to fund the start-up of the program, together with a municipal (county) commitment of financial support. Grant recipients are required to build sustainability into project development and will be required to report on a sustainability plan in the fourth year of the grant program. In addition, a successful transportation system will be required to collaborate with at least one community organization to be eligible to apply."

The idea of a five-year commitment made councillors uneasy, especially since they felt there was not yet enough information on how some sort of transit system might be implemented.

"I'm a little cautious about this because I'm not sure we have enough information," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen. Instead, Danielsen said she'd prefer to see the county pay for the creation of an implementation plan.

"I think we all share some of the same concerns," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. At the December meeting, councillors expressed logistical concerns about operating a system in a geographically large community with a sparse population, as well as those about financial sustainability and safety. It was also suggested that the municipalities of Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East would not benefit as much from such a program as Minden Hills and Dysart et al, which contain the county's main communities.

Moffatt agreed with Danielsen that there was not yet enough information for the county to commit to a pro-

vincial program.

"I don't see it as a fully formed enough plan to lock us in," Moffatt said. She noted the conversation around public transportation is a long-standing and ongoing one in the community.

"I think we've come a long way," Moffatt said. "You fund a plan, you don't fund an idea."

"I understand your hesitation," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, who'd said at the December meeting that it was time for county council to take some kind of action on public transportation. "Would you be willing to fund \$50,000, for a plan, with a consultant?"

"Yes," Moffatt replied. "To me, it's not dissimilar to, dare I say it, the pool discussion," she said, noting an indoor pool is also something many in the community clearly want.

"I'm not alone in having very serious concerns," Moffatt said, reiterating that she cannot forge ahead with an idea, as opposed to a concrete plan.

Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey agreed and said he could also support funding the creation of a plan.

"A part of me would like to jump in the deep end and go, but I understand the caution," said Devolin.

Councillors agreed that \$50,000 would be added to the 2018 budget for the purpose. They also agreed that public education would be a key piece of the puzzle.

"Are we going to change people's patterns?" asked Dysart Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts, pointing out that those who don't drive already have ways of getting about the community. "We need a certain level of users to make this even remotely viable."

Moffatt agreed that the promotion of the system would be paramount, and the public needed to realize that any service would only last if it is being used.

"If people are not going to use it, then we take it away," she said. "We can't have a bus driving around like the ice cream truck, and flag it down."

Fearrey noted that moving ahead with the creation of a plan would leave the decision about whether to proceed with a transit system for the next county council. Municipal elections in Ontario take place in October.

The county will also create a transit advisory committee.

Correction

The "Planting seeds to boost community gardens" story, published in the *Haliburton Echo's* Dec. 5 issue, incorrectly attributed the ownership of the community garden in Highland Grove to John Teljeur. It is owned by Word of Life Ministries, which is associated with branches in Cardiff and Lake St. Peter.

OPP look for answers after body found in Harcourt

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A death investigation is underway after the body of a 69-year-old man was found on land at the Harcourt Park Marina around 9:30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Haliburton Highlands OPP are assisting the coroner, who attended the scene to do a postmortem examination, in determining the cause of the death. The body was taken to Toronto for an autopsy.

"We're still waiting for the results of that and I don't have any update as to when that might be," said Sgt. Peter Leon on Jan. 2. "We'll have to wait for the results of that to determine the next course of action."

The man was from Dysart et al.

A Haliburton Highlands OPP press release on Jan. 2 said foul play is not suspected at this point in the investigation. The deceased's name has not been released to the public yet.



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Abbey Gardens receives award for excellence in Agri–Food Innovation

NATE SMELLE

Staff Reporter

Abbey Gardens was recently selected as one of 50 recipients from throughout Ontario for the Premier's annual award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. The award has been handed out each year since 2006, in recognition of the innovative contributions of food producers, processors, agri-food organizations and rural communities in Ontario. Abbey Gardens' operations director Heather Reid said the focus of the application they submitted to qualify as a candidate for the award was focused on the many ways they have been transforming the abandoned gravel pit located on the 300-acre property into a communal model for local food and sustainability. If people want to learn about local food, gardening, renewable energy, sustainable construction techniques, heritage agricultural animals, land restoration or cooking techniques, she said Abbey Gardens is the place to go.

"We've been striving to be an example for environmental stewardship," said Reid.

"Most recently, our focus on partnering with other local businesses and organizations has been really exciting for us over the last year and a half. Bringing the brewery [Haliburton Highlands Brewing Company] on site, having Haliburton Solar and Wind here, having a variety of smaller local food businesses using the kitchen space – these are all innovative in terms of sharing the resources we have to help build business for everybody and the area."

Abbey Gardens' mission, she said, is to show people the "big picture" when it comes to sustainability. Reid explained that they are able to do this by sharing the knowledge and skills that they, along with their community partners, have employed to convert something that many people considered to be a used-up piece of land into a community resource.

She sees the award as a sign that the work they have been doing to establish local food security, economic development and educational opportunities for local people and tourists is paying off.

When it comes to educational experiences, Reid said she has noticed that the learning goes both ways. For example, last year during the production of a video about Abbey Gardens, she learned that an abbey is traditionally known as a place that is meant to be a gathering space for the community.

Being involved in the creation of such a community hub in Haliburton County is what she finds most exciting about the operation.

"We are really endeavouring to make this a place that is welcoming to everyone in our community," Reid said.

"It's a place for people to come and learn things, enjoy and participate in whatever way they choose. Sometimes that means coming and bringing expertise and showing us how to do stuff that we don't know how to do. Sometimes it's coming and participating in an event and celebrating; and other times it's about coming and going snowshoeing. It's exciting that we can offer a range of ways for people to be involved."

During the winter, Reid said many of the activities at Abbey Gardens involve snowshoeing. Every Wednesday afternoon, she said Abbey Gardens is open for the public to drop by and go snowshoeing by donation.

On the weekends, there are also more formal opportunities to venture out on the trails for guided snowshoe



Snowshoeing is one of the best ways to explore the Abbey Gardens property. Every Wednesday afternoon, the centre is open for the public to drop by and go snowshoeing by donation.

hikes and lunch. Visitors can bring their own snowshoes or rent a pair, she said.

On Jan. 27, Reid mentioned there will be a snowshoe race held as part of Dysart et al's Hardwater Festival. This event will feature a one-kilometre loop as well as three- and five-kilometre loops, she said so people of all ages can participate.

While a great deal of time during the winter is dedicated to snowshoeing and other outdoor activities, Reid said it is also an important time of year for them to experiment and develop new ideas for innovations. One such initiative they plan to continue working on in 2018, is the Abbey Gardens Retreat Centre. The retreat centre is located in a home on the back acreage of the property, and is being renovated to give newly diagnosed cancer patients a place to stay in nature, where they can learn about complementary care such as diet and exercise, while taking time to breathe and figure things out.



Marshmallows over an open fire are welcome any time of year.



From left, Abbey Gardens board member David O'Brien, operations director Heather Reid and founder John Patterson celebrate winning the award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. /Photos submitted by Abbey Gardens



A group of snowshoers at Abbey Gardens pauses for a photo.

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Impending closure of feed company troubles cat advocates

JENN WATT

Editor

The Great Haliburton Feed Company will be closing permanently at the end of February.

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"We have to be out of here by the end of February because there's a tenant coming in and our old building isn't ready," said Adams in an interview with the *Echo*. Other locations offered haven't suited the specialized needs of the store. Adams said "a combination of things" led to the decision, which wasn't made easily.

The feed company, which has been operating in Haliburton for 23 years, sells pet food and supplies, wildlife and farm feeds, and has also been the home for many abandoned animals – mostly stray cats.

As of Monday, there were 10 cats available for adoption at the feed company, including adult cats and kittens.

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"I've refused them point blank." With closure in the near future, he said he couldn't be sure they'd adopt out all of the animals if they took more in.

Which poses a question for the community: without the feed company, where will unwanted pets be taken?

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Their facility, which is on Kerr's private property, can handle 20 cats at a time.

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"The only solution to the problem is to get low-cost spay and neutering offered," Kerr said.

He intends to speak to Minden Hills council about the issue.

Minden Cat Angels has taken in about 40 cats, adopting out about half of those, since it was established two years ago.

One unspayed female cat can produce about 12 kittens per year, according to the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society.

To adopt one of the feed company cats, visit their location at 33 Hops Drive in Haliburton or call 705-457-9775.



Three kittens snuggle up for a nap at the feed company on Thursday, Jan. 4. /JENN WATT Staff



Beach vacation on the horizon

Transat Travel's Linda Coneybear, left, and BIA president Luke Schell congratulate Eagle Lake resident Margaret Turney on winning the BIA contest for an all-inclusive trip to Mexico worth \$2,000 on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at the Transat Travel in Haliburton. Turney, who had never won anything like this before, submitted her ballot at Haliburton Foodland. She will take her parents this spring to stay at the all-inclusive resort Las Palmas by the Sea Resort in Puerto Vallarta. Coneybear said the movie *Shawshank Redemption* was filmed close to the resort. The contest, which was open from November to Dec. 22, included thousands of ballots available at participating merchants in Haliburton downtown. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Minden man dies after being struck by vehicle

Police responded to a call of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle on Dec. 24 just before 6 p.m. on Highway 35 in Minden. The man was taken to hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The man was identified as Terrence Bradley, 26, of Minden. The investigation is continuing.

Man taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries

On Dec. 26, police received a call just after 10 a.m. of a collision on South Wilberforce Road in Highlands East. A man operating a small utility tractor was reversing out of a driveway when he collided with a passing pickup truck. The 73-year-old driver of the tractor was airlifted to a Toronto hospital with life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

Riverside Dr. collision leads to impaired charge

Police charged a Dysart et al man with impaired driving and having too much alcohol in his blood after responding to a single vehicle collision New Year's Eve.

Police say they got the call just after 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 that there was a white pick-up truck that had left the roadway on Riverside Drive in Haliburton into trees. Once they got to the scene, they discovered the driver had been drinking and took him to the detachment in Minden for further tests. They subsequently charged a 21-year-

old man. He will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice on Feb. 7. His driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle impounded for a week.

OPP respond to 200 calls in two weeks

Between Dec. 18 and Jan. 1, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to 200 calls. Investigations ran the gamut from landlord/tenant issues to threats and trespassing. There were 36 vehicle collisions, seven of which involved deer. Officers conducted 37 RIDE programs.

Police respond to car in ditch, man charged with impaired driving

On Dec. 19 just after 10 p.m. police were called to a report of a car in the ditch on Buckhorn Road south of Gooderham. They found a man in a blue car in the east ditch. While speaking to him, police determined he'd been drinking and arrested him at the scene. The man was taken to the Minden detachment for further tests. Police also seized what they suspected was marijuana.

A 62-year-old man from Highlands East was charged with having control of a vehicle while impaired, having too much alcohol in his blood while having control of a vehicle, possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana, careless driving and having open liquor in the car while having control of a vehicle. The man is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Feb. 7. He received a licence suspension for 90 days and his car was impounded for seven.



Collision slows morning traffic

A bus, far right, is unable to get by two vehicles involved in a collision on the County Road 21 bridge close to the high school on Wednesday morning, Jan. 3 in Haliburton. The OPP said the "Honda Odyssey van was travelling eastbound on County Road 21 and lost control and struck a westbound Toyota Corolla." The 43-year-old female driver of the van was charged with careless driving. There were no serious injuries as a result of the collision, which caused close to a 25-minute traffic delay. When asked, the OPP did not provide information on cause, speed, road conditions or visibility "as they pertain to evidence."

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Caring for strays

WHEN FIRE destroyed The Great Haliburton Feed Company on a frigid evening in November of 2014, the community stepped up. Support for the store and the owners, Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney, flooded in.

Three years later, they have decided to close up shop.

Their departure will surely cause sadness among many in Haliburton who have come to enjoy shopping in the store.

But beyond the loss of a local retailer, there is also the loss of a crucial service.

Over their 23 years in business, Adams and McAleaney have sheltered thousands of unwanted pets. Litters of mewling kittens, bouncing bunnies, even dogs and birds have been taken care of by the pair. For those living in the village and surrounding area, the feed company has been the place to go to find a new furry friend.

And for those panicking after the neighbourhood cat chose their shed as her maternity ward, there was a place to drop off the animals that was warm and safe.

Many times I would stop in to the feed company to pick up some litter or a cat toy and find the owners shaking their heads at another box of kittens found at their doorstep. Usually full to the brim with cats, they would find another cage, fill another bowl of chow and make sure the pets were cared for.

If the feed company closes (and McAleaney and Adams are pretty convincing when they say it will),

that service they've been providing all these years goes too.

This is a real dilemma for the town.

As described the *Echo* this week, other pet shops and animal advocates either don't take stray cats or don't have any space. In Minden, they're already dealing with an abundance of cats, so much so that Don Kerr of Minden Cat Angels is intending to discuss a low-cost spay and neuter program with Minden Hills council.

Without a safe place to drop pets off in Haliburton, what will people do?

The closest SPCA is Bracebridge. Will someone with an unwanted litter of cats be willing to drive them an hour away?

And then there are the people who adopt pets with good intentions only to become overwhelmed and unable to continue caring for them. Where

will they take their pets?

Luckily, Facebook has filled some of the void in connecting animal lovers to pets in need of a home, but that doesn't account for the people who don't want to keep a cat in their house while they wait for responses.

Like it or not, some people just want to leave the pet somewhere and if there's no feed company or similar location, where will they go?

Haliburton Village has managed to avoid Minden's chronic problem of stray downtown cats. If the feed company does close, we may find ourselves in a similar situation.



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Editorial



A walk in the park

by Darren Lum

New year ... new beginnings

PLEASE LET me begin by thanking you, the great people of Haliburton, for one of the best holiday seasons in the history of downtown Haliburton. Hundreds of people lined Highland Street for the largest Santa Claus Parade, which is the official kick off of the holiday season. The parade was amazing and delightful from beginning to end. Thank you, Jim Frost and the Lions Club "elves" for your organizational talents – we appreciate you!

Then we saw many shoppers out for the Women's Shopping Night and Men's Shopping Night. The discounts, giveaways, and holiday treats made these fun events for the participating businesses and their customers. Thanks to Joan Hawley and her merry group of carollers for entertaining our shoppers on the Women's Shopping Night.

To cap off the great holiday season, the Buy In And (BIA) Win travel contest winner was drawn on Dec. 22. Congratulations to Margaret Turney, (see page 4) and enjoy your trip to Mexico. There were thousands of contest entries from people who shopped locally and supported your downtown Haliburton. Thank you to everyone for making a difference in your community!

Now it's time to look to the future and the hope and possibility that comes with a new year. Many people make New Year's resolutions, and some people succeed in keeping their New Year's resolutions. Over the years I have stopped setting myself up for the personal disappointment of not having the willpower to carry out with resolutions.

Maybe that self awareness comes with maturity or the wisdom of age.

What does the new year mean for you? Is it a time for change? Is it a time for reflection? Is it a time for celebration? How about making it a time for all of these? What could you do each day to make your own life happier? What could you do to make your community a better place for everyone? What could you do to show your gratitude to others for the part they play in your life?

The point is you make a difference. You can use the new year as the perfect excuse to try something different, to change your behaviour, to help others, or do anything that makes you happier. Choose to be grateful for what you have in your life and to share what great talents you have with others.

So this new year I look back with gratitude. Thank you to the downtown Haliburton board of management volunteers

for sharing your enthusiasm and passion for serving your community with me. Thank you to the downtown Haliburton member businesses for your positivity and encouragement. Thank you to the chamber of commerce and municipality for your never-ending support of downtown Haliburton – it is a pleasure to partner with you to make this a better community!

Most importantly, I thank all of you for taking the time to read this column and for being involved in your community. Without you, and your participation in events, and support of our businesses we could not continue to support our vibrant village. You make a difference!

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A little New Year's resolve

I WOKE UP THIS MORNING and realized two things. First, my underwear was on backwards. Second, I have not made any New Year's resolutions. As you might have guessed, the latter is highly unusual for me. Normally, by this time in the year I have already broken all of the resolutions I swore I'd keep.

I strongly believe New Year's resolutions are something every outdoorsman should make, if only because the more things you resolve, the more likely it is that you might accidentally keep one.

And, having kept at least one, gives you reason to be proud when you are standing there at a hoity-toity New Year's event with a lampshade over your head.

For me, some resolutions are fairly traditional. For example, last year I promised myself and others in my outdoors circle, once again, that I would not shoot the biggest buck or catch the largest brook trout. I'm proud to say that this is a resolution I have now kept for 38 years running.

I only bring this up because it is a prime example why it's important to choose your New Year's resolutions wisely.

This is why, for instance, I have avoided pledging that I will go a whole year without tangling fly lines with the guy fishing next to me. Nor have I pledged not to, for the entire year, serve "Squirrel Surprise!" to dinner guests. Though admittedly, they are for some reason getting fewer and farther between.

Most of us will break New Year's resolutions we make anyway and – let's face it – in the case of "Squirrel Surprise!" it's probably worth it just to see the look on their faces, which, by the way, often is accompanied by a slightly



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greenish tinge.

With all these complexities in mind, part one of my New Year's strategy is to make a few resolutions that are fairly impossible to break.

This year, for instance, I resolve to wear leaky waders at some point during a fishing trip. I also pledge to miss one or more ducks as they are cupped and hanging almost stationary over the decoys. Likewise, I will endeavour to sneeze or have my cellphone ring when a very big buck is coming in. And I will do my best to lose the biggest trout of the year because my net has a hole, I never knew about, in it.

I also resolve to say something that is stupid, highly inappropriate or mildly incriminating at least once in polite company. And I swear I will not contribute to climate change by mowing the grass too much.

You get the idea.

Now for part two. Basically, you should also make a few resolutions that are impossible to keep, just so people don't go around calling you Mr. Perfect – something, I'm happy to say, has not happened to me in years.

With this in mind, here are some resolutions that I will almost certainly break.

I will not wear socks and sandals together for the entire year. I will not spontaneously break out and sing, "I like big butts and I cannot lie...." (Whether or not you agree with the sentiment, you've got to admit the tune is catchy and always entertaining, though perhaps not during the formal part of a wedding ceremony.)

Also, I will always be the first one to volunteer to rake leaves or clean up around the house. And, I will, if I am in a group of dear friends, always offer to pick up the tab or yell, "This round is on me!"

You get the idea, but if you need to discuss it further, come on over for dinner. I've got a meal that just might surprise you.



pic of the past

Lorne Holder, a CNR fireman, is shown standing on the front of Engine No. 2616 on July 21, 1951. Tom Preston was the engineer. This photo was taken when the engine made one of its first runs from Lindsay into Haliburton. The same engine is the one now on display on Head Lake near the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. / Echo archives

letters to the editor

Road rider grateful

To the Editor,

A few weeks ago, I wrote a letter (which was published) expressing my concerns regarding the safety of Highway 118 east out of Haliburton. I was anxious and disturbed as I drove back to Harcourt in the dark in a blizzard on a highway with no lines. It was next to impossible to know where the lanes were and where the shoulder was. I suggested that painting the lines took priority over waiting until the final coat of asphalt was applied. I also copied Laurie Scott, our MPP.

I am pleased and very thankful that on a trip to Haliburton this morning there were both yellow centre lines on the highway as well as white shoulder lines. My gratitude is extended to the powers that be who had the lines painted. I am secure in the knowledge that the well-being of drivers in Haliburton County was taken into consideration.

Our safety depends on it.

George Denny
Benoir Lake

Smaller may be solution

To the Editor,

As I read the article on finding solutions for affordable housing two things shook me. Firstly I worry about my children and how they will be able to afford a decent home and, secondly I look at all of the efforts used to resolve this dire situation and I realize that one factor that is constantly overlooked and people don't seem to notice is obvious. We need smaller homes! Safety requirements aside, why do municipalities like Dysart require minimum square footage for residential buildings? Really, why?

The size of a person's home is not for government to dictate and what this unnecessary requirement does is restrict access to affordable housing for lower income persons. Often these persons

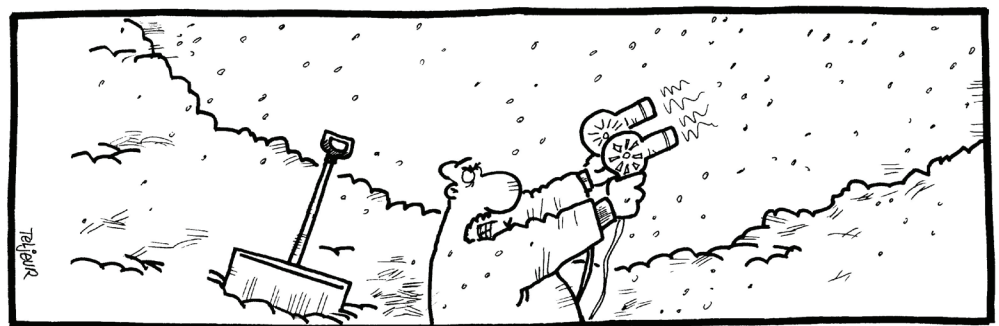
are from marginalized groups such as older people and I might say that this is a barrier to housing and is quite possibly discriminatory. Many dream of owning their own home but by having minimum size requirements on new builds we are denying many people that option.

It is only a matter of time before someone makes a human rights complaint or starts a Charter challenge so maybe our local government could be proactive and remove this pointless requirement. Builders, trades ... perhaps you can start thinking about how many smaller homes you could be building if the rules were to be changed.

Dan Gibson
Haliburton

More letters to the Editor on page 8

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Sports hall of fame proposed for Haliburton

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There are a lot of people to celebrate, said Haliburton resident Scotty LaRue, who is asking the public for their support for a sports hall of fame based in Haliburton.

LaRue said the hall would showcase the great people who have represented the area well and have strengthened the fabric of the community through their achievements in sport.

"I got thinking there are a lot of people other than just hockey players (even though my background is basically hockey, fastball and so on), but I think they should be recognized for their efforts and [also] the championships and successes they had in the past," he said. "We shouldn't forget them."

With the recent publicity Haliburton received from hosting Hometown Hockey and with the outdoor premiere of the documentary *There's Something in the Water* a few years ago, LaRue said Haliburton County has received great exposure and hopes to continue that with the hall of fame.

Right now, his concept is in its infancy. His focus is on generating interest and getting the public's input from a yet-to-be-scheduled spring meeting with a question and answer format.

"We want discussion going on and this is why I am interested in having this in the newspaper right now: to stimulate some discussion over the next few months and then I expect to have a lot of people at the general meeting," he said. "We want the feedback from them."

LaRue said holding a spring meeting will enable "snowbirds" to be part of this process. The location and specific date for the meeting will be decided in the coming months. At this point input is the focus and money is not needed now, he said.

Although not official, he has received encourage-

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Haliburton resident Scotty LaRue is proposing a sports hall of fame to recognize the achievements of current and past residents of the county. There will be three categories for inductees: individual, team and builder. He hopes there is interest for this concept and welcomes the public for input and support from the public. There is a yet-to-be-scheduled public spring meeting. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Inductees could be builders, teams or athletes

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ment from Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey. LaRue, who has met with Fearrey, said he believes there is a general feeling of support from the council.

LaRue also reached out to residents for support and has contacted Scotty Morrison, who is an inductee and former president of the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

LaRue points out this endeavour isn't about giving himself any attention.

However his achievements in sport and his community efforts could make him a candidate for induction.

As a young man, he played major junior hockey, including one season in St. Gervais Les Bains in the French Alps. He was an adept fastball player and a scratch golfer. LaRue was also a coach, manager, team owner and corporate sponsor of the Haliburton Huskies Junior D hockey club. The Huskies are well-known here for winning the Ontario championship in the 1970-1971 season. Outside of sports, he was a longtime Rotarian and also past-president, a volunteer firefighter with Haliburton Fire Department for five years and a school board trustee before he bought a local bus company in the late-1970s.

Haliburton is known for the arts, which includes the Fleming College Haliburton campus arts programming to locally based artists, he said. The hall could be another destination.

"Every little thing helps to promote this area, which we need because you know there is not a lot of industry here so the more things we do for [tourism] the more opportunities people have to

stay here," he said.

While on vacation in Florida, LaRue came up with the idea for the hall after he met with Rob Wright, an inductee with the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame at the General Motors Centre. Wright was inducted in the team category as a member of the Oshawa Tonys fastball team. LaRue said he'll use the procedural framework of Haliburton's hall from Oshawa, which modelled theirs after the Peterborough and District Sports Hall of Fame, at the Peterborough Memorial Centre.

The hall of fame would include inductees for three categories: builder, team and individual.

A builder is anyone who has provided considerable effort in working in the background of sport, such as a coach, manager or president. The team inductee is any club or team that has "reached the limit in their category" like provincial championships. This could also include other sports such as curling and also minor hockey. Each inductee would have a plaque on a wall with a photo and a small write-up about their achievements below.

The individual inductee is anyone who excelled in their sport such as Lesley Tashlin, originally from Haliburton, who competed in the 100-metre hurdles at the Atlanta Olympic summer games in 1996.

There would be a limit of up to five inductees every year. Inductees could be former or current residents of Haliburton County, who were born here or not. He cited Highlands retiree Walt McKechnie, a former NHL player and current Dysart councillor, as another

possibility despite not being born here.

"Anybody else here that has lived here or retired here for five years in the community probably could be nominated," he said.

The nomination process would start with an application form to a selection committee, which would review it and submit the nomination to an executive branch. It would then be given to a board of governors who would ratify or veto the selection. A ceremony would be held for the induction once a year at the arena including guest speakers.

He doesn't see a hall of fame starting

for more than a year.

One venue option is the A.J. LaRue Arena – named for Scotty's dad, who was a strong community booster. If the number of inductees warrant it, a larger venue could be chosen at that time, he said.

There are many details to be worked out, but LaRue is optimistic.

Down the road, he hopes there will be separate building for the hall that will include related artifacts.

"I think it will be an asset to our community," he said.

Local team finishes third at 65-plus tournament

On Nov. 14 and 15, Peter Robinson took some of our older hockey players to a 65-plus tournament in Bracebridge. This team is made up with players from the 60 and over hockey groups in Haliburton and Minden and the 55-plus Haliburton league.

The first game on Tuesday ended up with a 4-1 loss to North Bay Ramada and then the second game a 1-1 tie with Walden. On Wednesday a 2-1 win over North Bay Rivet followed by a 4-1 win over the host team from Bracebridge.

The Haliburton team finished third

overall out of eight teams thanks to the goaltending from Larry Kent. The oldest player in the tournament was our own Ron Earle who is a young 78. A good time was had by all and we will be there again next year.

Thank-you Peter Robinson for your time and effort. Neil Cutler, Ian Wilson, Larry Everitt, Larry Kent, Raavo Laidla, Ron Earle, Ron May, Jeff Cattell, Jim Winn, Dave Dollo, Frank Powers and Brian Kellett.

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2017 Year in Review

January

Morrison receives national medal

Haliburton's Scotty Morrison received the federal government's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers (selected by the Governor General) at a special ceremony at the Pinestone in late 2016, reported in the first newspaper of the new year. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey presented the pin to Morrison, who was recognized for his work on the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, committee work, his participation in the annual Christmas Shindig and serving on the HHHS Foundation board. Morrison is former president and chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame and was referee-in-chief of the NHL at one time.

Highlands East reeve hospitalized

Dave Burton, reeve of Highlands East, was in hospital for surgery over Christmas of 2016 after suffering a fall on the ice, injuring both knees. Due to a lengthy recovery period, Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge took on the responsibilities of reeve. Burton continued to do work from his hospital bed, with the help of his laptop computer.

Wilberforce garage destroyed by fire

Highlands East firefighters were able to save a home from burning to the ground on Jan. 5, but the same did not go for the garage. The fire, which occurred on Clement Lake Road in Wilberforce, sent the homeowner to hospital for smoke inhalation. The garage had been used for small engine repairs. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Dysart gets birthday celebrations started

On Saturday, Jan. 7, Dysart et al marked 150 years since the municipality was incorporated in 1867 – with its first council meeting on Jan. 7 of that year. Festivities kicked off with a winter party at A.J. LaRue Arena including food, beer, music and a special film created by Kim Emmerson about local history.

Committee nixes gas station plan

A proposed gas station for the property next to Tim Hortons outside of Haliburton hit a roadblock on Jan. 9 when the Dysart planning committee recommended denying the bylaw amendment application. The devel-



Brant Matthews from Toronto, aka the Fire Guy, put on a show on ice at the Dysart 150 celebrations on Jan. 7.

oper had hoped to change the zoning of the property to highway commercial. Planning director Pat Martin said there were concerns regarding street setbacks and vegetation buffers.

Aggressive winter puts pressure on roads department

The condition of some county roads had been poor during December 2016, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said during the Jan. 11 county roads advisory committee meeting. Equipment repairs and staff burnout contributed to the problem.

Firefighters battle structure fire on Minnicock Lake Road

A fire in the early hours of Jan. 10 had firefighters from both Dysart and Highlands East working to put out the blaze. When firefighters arrived at 4 a.m., they found the garage fully engulfed as well as the roof and attic of the single storey house on fire. The buildings were "a total loss." No one was home during the fire.

Scotiabank cashes out of Wilberforce

In January, Scotiabank closed its doors for good in Wilberforce. The village was left without a financial institution with customers asked to travel to Bancroft Scotiabank to do their banking. When the news of the impending closure was announced in June of 2016, area residents, business owners and politicians joined to create People before Profits, tasked with finding a replacement. That ended up being a tall order, with committee members unable to attract a new bank to the area.

HHHS gets funding boost

The Central East Local Health Integration Network announced on Jan. 26 that more than \$2.6 million was being invested into health services in Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes – \$88,400 of which came to Haliburton Highlands Health Services for improving access to services. HHHS also received \$125,000 for specific emergency department wait-time reduction targets.

Dog races bring dollars to area

The 2017 Winter Sleddog World Championship was held at Haliburton Forest in January, bringing additional dollars to local businesses. Cans of tuna were flying off the shelves of the West Guilford Shopping Centre, which athletes bought to add to their dogs' water dishes. Accommodators and the hardware store also saw an increase in visitors.

Haliburton gets UN nod for environmental learning

The United Nations chose Peterborough and its surrounding region, which includes Haliburton County, as a Regional Centre for Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development. The honour was due to a large network of environmental organizations, centres and institutions in the area.



Competitors tuck preparing for the first turn in a race during the Snowboard Ontario Speed Series Skicross on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.

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A player from the Born Again Beauties (in red) reaches for the puck in a match against the team known as Cell Block B. The women's teams, which hail from Oshawa and Hamilton, met on the ice at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.



Sweden's Angelica Saur drives for the finish line for the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships at Haliburton Forest.

February

DeBruin scratches from Yukon Quest

Haliburton's Hank DeBruin decided to pull his team from the 2017 Yukon Quest as they arrived at Eagle, Alaska, on Feb. 13. The decision was made for the well-being of the team. The Yukon Quest is a 1,600-kilometre sled dog race from Whitehorse, Yukon, to Fairbanks, Alaska. It started on Feb. 4. DeBruin completed more than 900 kilometres of the race.

Snowmobiler dies on Dark Lake

One snowmobiler was rescued and another found deceased after they went through the ice on Dark Lake in Wilberforce on Feb. 18. Robert Bell, 53, of Mount Albert, Ont., was found deceased on Feb. 20 by divers.

Rotary Club considers cancelling summer parade

For more than 50 years, spectators lined the streets of Haliburton to watch the Rotary parade make its way through town. However, due to a decline in participants in the parade, the club made public that it was considering ending the tradition. They asked the public to weigh in on Facebook. Later in the year, the club decided to cancel the event in favour of a water ski show on Head Lake on the same day – during the carnival in August.

OMB to consider biochar facility

Four individuals filed an appeal against the biochar facility to be constructed by Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve on Kennaway Road. In January, Dysart council had approved a zoning bylaw amendment that would allow the project to go ahead. The appellants argued the biochar facility would be a noxious use, a waste processing plant, that the zoning bylaw is not consistent with provincial policy and does not conform to the official plan, among other things.

The hearing was scheduled for the summer.

Skate park kicks off capital campaign

On Friday, Feb. 24, Dysart et al announced it was launching a \$100,000 campaign to fund a new skate park in town. The new facility is to be next to the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The campaign was kicked off at Battle of the Bands.

March

Max Ward wins Highlander of the Year award

United church minister Max Ward took home the prestigious Highlander of the Year award on March 11 at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards at Pinestone. Ward was one of six nominees and it was his second nomination. Aside from being the minister for the Min-

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Community rallies for YWCA shelter

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A record eight wrestlers qualified for the provincial tournament: Aidan Coles, Chloe Sampson, Hannah Rielle, Noelle Dupret-Smith, Matt Manning, Emily Klose, Dylan Freake and Karissa Riopelle all qualified.

Man dies in ATV crash

Michael Anthony Bunn, 40, of Haliburton County died following an ATV crash near Irondale on March 19. He was found by a passerby, police said.

Culinary exchange identifies room to grow

Representatives from Prince Edward County, who were part of a culinary exchange with the Highlands, reported to the community about their findings. The team reported frustration with spotty hours of local businesses, lack of online presence for some, blank looks when asking staff about local food and a weaker brand than neighbouring Algonquin Park and Muskoka. The group praised the Get on Gelert campaign connecting tourist attractions, Abbey Gardens, the friendliness of



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April

Reeve returns following recovery

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton returned to the council table earlier than expected following an accident in December. Burton had knee surgery on Christmas Day following a fall Dec. 23. It was anticipated he would be away until June.

New HHHSF executive director chosen

Lisa Tompkins was announced as the replacement for Dale Walker, who said she would be retiring from her post as executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation after 18 years in the job. Tompkins had been a volunteer and board member with the foundation for 13 years. Her previous job was director of sales, marketing and communications for CN Tower.



The Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble gave an energetic rendering of *Rhythm of Life* by Fields and Coleman at the music festival's Highlights Concert on Thursday, April 27.

Committee finds compromise on Wenona Lake file

After a lengthy process that included multiple deferrals and public meetings, the planning committee for Dysart et al recommended that council approve a zoning amendment for four lots on Wenona Lake. The severance of the 55-acre parcel into four lots was approved by the Haliburton County land division committee in the summer of 2016. Two inland wetlands were identified and protected with no-development setbacks and one lot was zoned so that no dock would be permitted. Investigation into the presence of American ginseng, an endangered plant species, was also undertaken.

Community support amazes boy's family

Six-year-old Rowan Pettinella was facing months of assessment and recovery after he suffered seizures that required treatment at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto on April 1. His parents thanked the community for the support they received. A GoFundMe page was created for the family, which raised more than \$18,000.

OPP officer honoured

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Tim Negus was awarded an Outstanding Police Officer Service Award on April 10 in Peterborough. Negus was chosen for his ability to build partnerships and relationships. His work on Push For Change, using hockey to make connections between youth and the police, was highlighted.

Student artists impress

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Evelyn Woof, Alicia Villamere, Emma Graham and Natalya Gimon were award winners at the Kawartha Art Gallery Juried Student Exhibition in Lindsay. Emma's work, *Alice in Wonderland*, earned her the Lindsay Library Purchase Award.

Dragonboaters compete in New Zealand

Seven members of the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers dragon boating club competed in the largest multi-sport event in the world – the 2017 World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand. Carolyn Ellis, Pamela Boyce,

Lillian Hall, Linda Shulist, Chris Whittemore and Lois Deacon joined 22 other paddlers from Lindsay as part of the all-women IB Dragonboating Club team. The team placed fourth.

Haliburton Dance Academy dancers win big

Local dancers, between six and 18 years old, received 12 platinum awards, 38 high gold awards, 42 gold awards, 12 special awards and 17 overall awards at competitions in Niagara Falls, Port Hope and Kingston during March and April. HDA owner Chyna Schell said of all the awards her group received, the Pay It Forward and This Is It awards were most special, as they recognized the character of the dancers.

Abbey Gardens grows again

Local philanthropists John and Thea Patterson were celebrated for their endowment fund of \$150,000 to support future Trent University graduate research at West Guilford's Abbey Gardens. The Patterson Abbey Gardens Graduate Research Assistantship will support a two-year summer research assistant position and is part of Trent's \$50 million campaign, Unleash the Potential. The study will focus on gravel pit rehabilitation for permaculture, food hubs, farmers' markets and food security among other things. The announcement was made April 26.

Students miss record number of days due to weather

Large amounts of snow and freezing rain caused an unprecedented number of bus cancellations for Haliburton County students in the winter of 2016 - 2017. Buses were cancelled 12 times. Freezing rain and other inclement weather conditions caused the cancellations, the school board said. Despite more than two school weeks missed, the semester was not extended.

McKecks wins Employer of the Year award

Haliburton restaurant McKecks Tap and Grill was given the Employer of the Year award by Employment Ontario Eastern Regional Group. The restaurant's accomplishments, according to the award nomination, include mentoring staff, apprenticing youth in the kitchen and sponsoring Blue Line bursary awards for students furthering their education in culinary/hospitality programs,

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the arts, sports or teaching. The award was given out at Pinestone on April 24.

Linda Baumgartner in Top 200 realtors

Real Estate Professional Magazine named RE/MAX North Country Realty's Linda Baumgartner as one of its Top 200 best agents. "I feel honoured knowing that my commitment, hard work and dedication to my business and clients has been acknowledged," she said. The list is compiled using MLS data and online survey results.

May

Floods damage property across the Highlands

Heavy rains in May led to flooding throughout Haliburton County and put many of the reservoir and flow-through lakes of the Trent Severn Waterway at or above capacity. Minden Hills was hit hardest with flood waters nearing the same levels as those in 2013. A state of emergency was called on May 6.

In the first week of May, between 100 and 125 mm of rain fell in the Haliburton County area on top of some 125 mm in April. (The average for April is 76 mm and the average for the whole month of May is 93 mm.)

Young filmmaker wins at Georgian Bay festival

Local teenager Rowan Tofflemire took home first place at the South Georgian Bay 2017 Film Festival for his short horror film, *Unaware*, set in Haliburton Village. The Grade 12 student said he would add the honour to his professional resume. *Unaware* was co-written by Seamus Lynch (who also acted in it) and had a cast of local teens including Cassidy Glecoff, Robbie Hall, Julian Anderson and Rowan's younger brother, Gage Tofflemire.

Highlands Opera Studio commissions original production

Highlands Opera Studio's Valerie Kuinka announced that Indigenous musicians, opera singers and a community choir would come together to perform a composition by Barbara Croall creating a special opera performance for Haliburton. A collaboration with L'Atelier Lyrique de L'Opera de Montreal, the production was



The Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group, staff from Dysart et al and Haliburton Chiropractic peddled the Big Bike up York Street onto Highland in Haliburton on Thursday, May 18.



A cottage on Pine Lake Road sits in water following days of rain and rising lake water levels on Thursday, May 11. Flooding in Minden was most severe, but other places in Haliburton County also experienced flooding.

a first-time undertaking for the theatre company. The opera was to be performed in December. In the summer, Croall backed out of the production and was replaced by composer Andrew Balfour.

Still Standing films show in Wilberforce

CBC TV program *Still Standing*, hosted by Jonny Harris, made its way to Wilberforce to record an episode in May. The award-winning show features rural towns across Canada that have survived despite a setback. It included interviews with local people and a comedy evening held at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

HHSS badminton player competes at provincials

Grade 11 athlete Ben Schmidt competed in the boys' singles category at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations tournament. This was his second consecutive trip to the all-provincials for badminton; he attended with the senior squad in 2016 in the doubles competition.

Scott pleased as human trafficking bill becomes law

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was glad the government passed Bill 96, the Anti-Human Trafficking Act, into law in Queen's Park on May 17. The law was heavily based on her private member's bill, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act*, which she tabled in 2016. The bill recommended giving victims the option to sue their traffickers rather than having to relive their trauma in the courtroom.

Chamber speaks out on \$15 minimum wage proposal

Bill 148, which makes several changes to Ontario labour laws including setting a guaranteed number of sick days, enhancing workplace protections and increasing the minimum wage to \$15, attracted plenty of attention in 2017. In May, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce raised issue with the increase to the wage, saying it would reduce employment opportunities. They argued the increase should be introduced more slowly. To assist business, the chamber announced it would be working on a shop local campaign in 2018.

Community mourns loss of teen

Fourteen-year-old Phoenix Acero died suddenly May 14, leaving family, friends and the wider community in shock. Known for his friendly nature and sense of loyalty and fairness, the teen's death was felt deeply at the school and in the county.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden shakes graduate Caitlin Peacock's hand during the commencement ceremony June 29 at the HHSS athletic complex.

June

Bus collision interrupts field trip

A Grade 8 graduation trip didn't get off to a great start when two buses carrying Don Valley Middle School students to Camp White Pine in Haliburton collided on the morning of June 12. Students suffered minor injuries. All five county ambulances attended the accident with 16 students transported to Haliburton hospital.

Committee recommends against rezoning for church

Much to the delight of Harmony Road residents, Dysart et al's public meeting committee recommended against a rezoning application that would allow Lighthouse Pentecostal Church to begin services in the former Millennium Fitness. At a public meeting in April, residents expressed concerns about noise, traffic, over-

flow parking, snowplowing and drainage. The issue was twice deferred until a public meeting June 5. The committee recommended to Dysart council that it not accept the rezoning application, with traffic volumes mentioned as one reason.

Little and Longo awarded for athletics

Sam Longo and Jamie Little were named male and female athletes of the year respectively on June 13 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athletic banquet. The students thanked their families, coaches and community for the support.

Green gym beefs up Dysart rec offerings

Using a \$50,000 Canada 150 grant and a matching sum from municipal coffers, Dysart et al invested in fitness and recreation. On June 13, staff, politicians and community members came to Rotary park to try out the newly installed Green Gym, featuring adult monkey bars, balance beams, an elliptical, stationary bike, chin-up bar and other equipment. Money was also used on the aeration fountain in the lake to improve water quality, solar lights along the pathway, a shade structure, sand for the volleyball net and resurfacing the basketball court.

Fires destroy two Wilberforce homes

A fire on June 6 on Arena Road in Wilberforce and



Gary Brohman reads from a plaque during the official ceremony renaming the Alternate Education and Training Centre after Len Salvatori, middle, as school board director of education Larry Hope listens.



Five kilometre course participants start their run at the sixth annual Katie's Run for epilepsy in Haliburton on Saturday, June 24.

another on June 9 on Saunders Road destroyed two dwellings, the acting fire chief confirmed to the *Echo*. No injuries were reported.

Future uncertain for Camp Adelaide

After hosting generations of Girl Guides for more than 50 years, Haliburton's Camp Adelaide will likely be sold. In June, the Ontario Girl Guides announced they would sell the 17 camps they own across the province. A letter announcing the decision stated the organization could not afford to keep the camps open due to the financial costs of operating and maintaining them.

July

Turtle centre sees numbers increase

Ontario's Turtle Conservation Centre declared a state of emergency for all turtles in the region as they had treated more than 500 injured turtles by the beginning of July. The high number was likely due to a wet spring flooding nesting sites as well as improved awareness among the public on what to do if an injured turtle is found on a roadway. In 2016, from May to October, 370 turtles had been brought in to the centre.

Hockey heroes honoured in Guilford

This year's West Guilford Citizen of the Year, announced annually at Canada Day celebrations, went to two special people. Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls were given plaques in honour of their service to the community. Stackhouse and Nicholls are both former NHL players and have given back substantially to the region over the years.

Adult training centre renamed after Salvatori

Former school board trustee Leonard Salvatori was given a great honour by Trillium Lakelands District

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School Board when it renamed the Alternative Education Training Centre after him: Leonard Salvatori Alternate Education Centre. He dedicated some 35 years to governing the education system in Haliburton. Decisions made during his tenure included the purchase of land for the Haliburton campus, which connects the elementary schools, alternate education centre and high school. Salvatori joined the board in the 1960s. "He fought for all kids, but he fought for the person who needed more fighting for," said Gary Brohman, current trustee for the Haliburton area, during his speech.

Foster home shortage spurs CAS campaign

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society launched a campaign to curb the urgent need for foster parents. In particular, teens and those with more complex needs are harder to place, staff told the *Echo*. While the number of children coming into care increased, the number of homes available decreased (from 146 to 108 in a five year span). Meanwhile, only 10 of those 108 homes would take children over the age of 12. Six of those 10 were full and the other four already had one foster child.

Two dead, two injured following Highway 118 crash

Two people died and two were left with life-threatening injuries after a disastrous collision on Highway 118 near Loon Lake on July 15. The collision took place just after 5 p.m. along the stretch between Trappers Trail and Essonville Line. The male driver of an eastbound vehicle crossed the centreline, colliding with a group of motorcyclists heading west. His Chrysler PT Cruiser struck four of the seven motorcyclists. The deceased were identified by police as George Eliadis, 52, and Shari Williams, 42, of Uxbridge. The driver, a 38-year-old man from Hastings Highlands, received minor injuries and was later charged with careless driving, driving with no licence and driving without a validated permit.

Attempted robbery at Lucky Dollar

The Haliburton Highlands OPP were looking for two suspects following an attempted robbery at the Lucky Dollar in Gooderham on July 11. Store owner Stanley Cheong told the *Echo* suspects grabbed him but got spooked and ran out of the store when another customer came in.

Cassidy Glecoff wins competition at BluesFest

Haliburton's Cassidy Glecoff won the She's The One competition at RBC BluesFest in Ottawa in July. She was one of nine finalists in the competition open to young women ages 13 to 21. The prize is a collaboration with industry songwriters and producers, working to create a potential hit song as well as a spot performing at next year's BluesFest. Cassidy is working with Cadence Music, a Toronto company.

McCallion shares her love of community building

Former Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion made a trip to Haliburton to visit Abbey Gardens and speak to an intimate audience at Abbey North, on Cranberry Lake. McCallion answered audience questions for more than 40 minutes in the early evening hours of July 20 on



"Something familiar, something peculiar, something for everyone: A comedy tonight," sings Pseudolus in the opening number as the cast of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* joins together on stage.

topics ranging from the importance of proper planning to her secret to living a long, happy life. McCallion, 96, was mayor of 36 years before retiring. Her Haliburton County connection is former Mississauga city manager David O'Brien, who owns property in Highlands East and is a member of the Abbey Gardens board.

Local man trademarks 'Haliburton'

Members of county council were informed July 26 that a local man had successfully trademarked the name "Haliburton." An error at the federal level left local politicians flummoxed – a guide to trademarks on the Government of Canada website explicitly states that geographical locations cannot be trademarked. Local MP Jamie Schmale was enlisted to help solve the problem. The MP called the situation "ridiculous and unfair." The holder of the trademark was Minden resident Michael Stinson, who later decided to give the trademark to the county. He said he had acquired it "as an opportunity to promote Haliburton outside of the county."

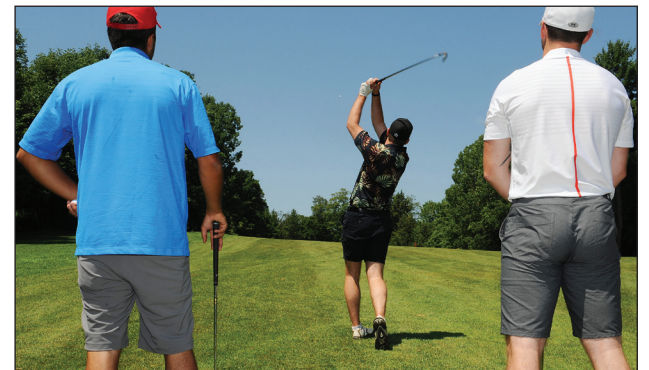
New composer found for opera

On July 10, composer Barbara Croall bowed out of the original opera production being created with Highlands Opera Studio. With a workshop performance a month away and full performances scheduled in both Montreal and Haliburton for December, general director Valerie Kuinka was in a tough position. Funding was on the line. Within 10 days, Kuinka, who is the stage director of the



Dysart 150 celebrations launched on Friday evening with a sing-along in Head Lake Park July 7.

project, found a new composer willing to continue work on the production, which was to mark Canada's 150th with an Indigenous perspective. Andrew Balfour, a Cree composer from Winnipeg, was hired and embraced the challenge. The new production was named *Mishaabooz's Realm*.



Keaton Gadway, left, watches Ryan Bottum strike the ball to the green from the fairway, with Matt Duchene at the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre's golf course in Haliburton.

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A professional flyboarder performs with Summer Water Sports on Head Lake at the annual Rotary Carnival in Haliburton.

August

Dysart gets mixed marks on exchange

A team from Georgian Bay township, who visited the community through the First Impressions Communities Exchange, gave Dysart et al mixed reviews. There was confusion on the part of participants in differentiating Haliburton Village, Haliburton County and Dysart et al, for example. A lack of signage made it hard to navigate, they said. However, looking at the village generally, nine out of 10 participants viewed it favourably. Free Wi-Fi, floral decorations, Head Lake Park and general cleanliness were noted.

Invasive plant found on local lakes

Phragmites, an invasive plant species, spread to three locations on Eagle and Moose lakes, according to a local study. Invasive phragmites is a tall wetland grass that crowds out native plants, vegetation and species while providing little to no food or shelter for wildlife. The Eagle Moose Lake Property Owners Association conducted a shoreline study (with help from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations and Canadian Wildlife Service) and found one case on Eagle Lake and two on Moose Lake. There have been a total of 19 reported cases in the county.

Biochar facility clears OMB hurdle

Parties to the Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding whether to permit a biochar facility on Kennaway Road agreed on a settlement in the evening hours of Aug. 29. Changes to the bylaw included narrowing the scope of what Haliburton Forest Biochar could do on the property "to focus on the manufacturing and processing uses," according to planner Wayne Simpson. Another change was providing additional space by changing the setbacks of all buildings on the property. The Forest intends to use the wood sawdust to make biochar, which would then be used in industrial manufacturing, displacing fossil fuels. Once it is up and running, the facility is to employ four people, but could get up to 20, Haliburton Forest Biochar director Malcolm Cockwell said.



Members of the Haliburton Dance Academy put on a series of performances along Highland Street during Midnight Madness.



People look at John McKinnon's sculpture Wind Dervish at the official ceremony to unveil McKinnon's sculpture and three other new stone sculptures on Tuesday, July 25 at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

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September

Most septic systems deemed 'low risk' in Highlands East

Student septic maintenance inspectors visited 903 properties over the summer on seven lakes (Little Glamor, Glamor, Billings, Stormy, Tamarack, Trooper and Koshlong), finding 76 per cent were low risk, 11 per cent moderate risk, eight per cent high risk and five per cent very high risk.

They found 40 steel tanks still in use, most of them corroded, posing a health hazard to the surrounding lakes. The students visited properties on behalf of the municipality of Highlands East.

CEWF urges lakefront property owners to look at big picture

See how your lake fits into the big system and be proactive in managing some of the risks associated with the changing climate, lake association members were told at the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow's annual general meeting Sept. 9. Rising ice levels, low water levels and climate extremes are the new norm, representatives of CEWF told the group.

Johnny Burke remembered for music, kind spirit

Canadian country music lost one of its greats with the death of Johnny Burke, 77, in September. The Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame member was a staple of Haliburton County, where he lived since 2007. He was diagnosed with cancer in August of 2016, but continued to play music.



Volunteer instructor Brett Caputo helps a participant in the Lady Archers of Ontario instructional workshop on Sept. 17 at the fish hatchery in Haliburton.

Steep electricity costs put pressure on HHHS budget

Haliburton Highlands Health Services was sitting with a small surplus at the end of July, however, keeping the corporation in the black can be challenging, especially with hydro costs. In the last year, HHHS spent \$585,000 on hydro between all of its properties – a 60 per cent increase in two years. The board was alerted to the issue at its Sept. 28 meeting.

Home Hardware must construct turning lane

The owner of Home Hardware in Haliburton must construct a left-turn lane at what will be the new store's



Members of Zimbabwean collective Nhapitapi sing and dance during Haliburton Drumfest in Head Lake Park Sept. 2.

location along County Road 21, county council told Jerry Walker. Walker made a presentation at the Sept. 27 meeting asking council to reconsider the planning staff's recommendation that a turn lane be constructed. A traffic study done by Walker and development partner Jamie Chisholm found no turn lane was required. However, councillors agreed with staff that the volume of traffic on that stretch of the road warranted a turn lane.

Bark Lake's wooden carvings on the chopping block

Wooden carvings on the Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre property in Irondale will come down after an onslaught of recent requests from visiting university students, who reported them to be offensive. Staff at Bark Lake took the feedback to sources at Curve Lake First Nation, who advised the carvings should be taken down. The carvings were imitation totem poles created in the 1970s.



A rider makes his way through a stream during the 64th annual Corduroy Enduro during the weekend of Sept. 22.

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October

Haliburton Highlands welcomes Hometown Hockey

Rogers Hometown Hockey tour made its way to the Highlands on Oct. 14 and 15, bringing with it a festival filled with games, prizes, food and Canada's favourite sport. Ron MacLean and Tara Slone came to Haliburton village to host the event, which was part of the Boston Bruins v. Vegas Golden Knights broadcast Sunday evening. From a special travelling studio parked at Head Lake, the hosts interviewed local hockey celebrities and young players during breaks in the game. Fans came out in numbers, despite rain, winds and cold weather, to fill the venue and show their spirit.

County's Sears outlets to close following national announcement

The Sears stores in Haliburton County closed in the wake of the retailer's announcement that it would shut its remaining locations and liquidate its inventory. Sears Canada announced Oct. 10 it was seeking court permission to liquidate its remaining 130 stores and their merchandise. Both the Sears store in Haliburton Village and the Sears catalogue depot in Minden were set to close. By mid-November the stores had closed for good.

Faculty strike suspends classes at college

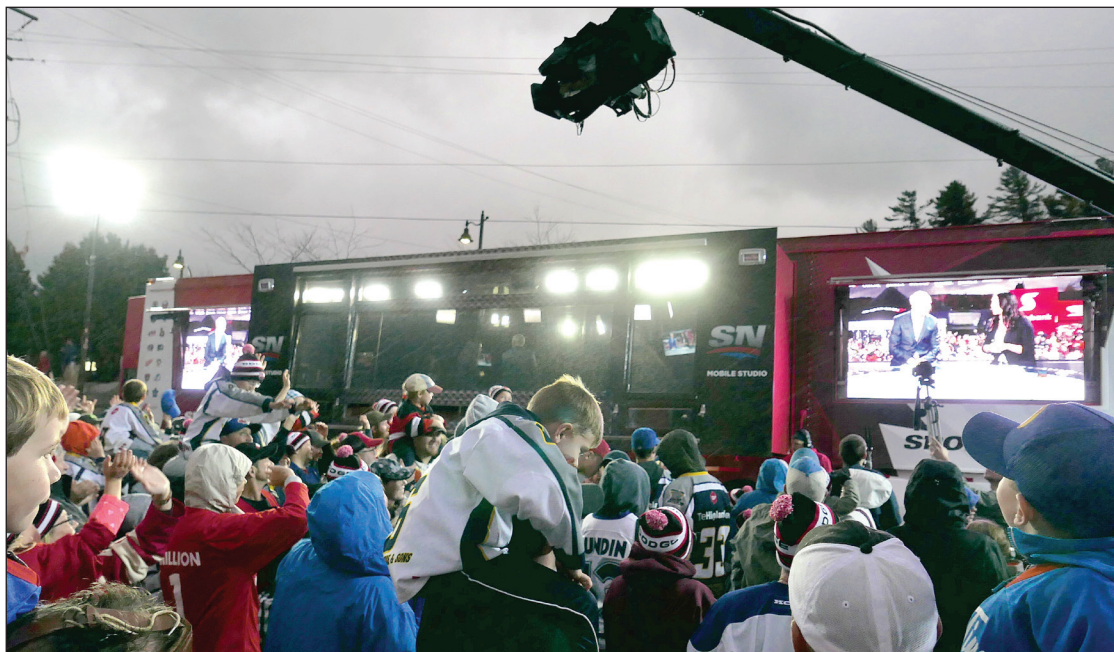
In-person classes at Haliburton School of Art and Design were suspended beginning Oct. 16. The union representing college faculty announced they were on strike, effectively cancelling all in-person classes at HSAD. The strike was provincewide and included 24 public colleges.

Man charged in Lucky Dollar attempted robbery

A 35-year-old man from Lindsay was charged with several offences related to an attempted robbery on July 11 at the Lucky Dollar in Gooderham. He was charged with robbery with violence, disguise with intent, possession of property obtained in a crime, failing to comply with a probation order and overcoming resistance by attempting to choke, suffocate or strangle another person.

Paramedics honoured for commitment to others

Three local paramedics were honoured, one posthumously, for exemplary service at a special ceremony in Ottawa on Sept. 28. Dwight Thomas, Brad Robinson and Gord Riddle were given the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal recognizing their dedication to the job and their community service during long careers helping others and saving lives. Riddle was months from retirement when he died in 2016. His widow, Elizabeth, attended the ceremony and received the award on his behalf.



Haliburton residents came out in droves to watch Hometown Hockey be recorded live in Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

Dysart makes mayoral move

Dysart became the third municipality in the county to change the title of its head of council to mayor from reeve, and deputy mayor from deputy-reeve. Councilors made the decision at their Oct. 23 meeting. It was decided that mayor was a more contemporary term.

Fire consumes residence on Eagle Lake

Firefighters worked to contain a blaze that consumed a Parsons Road dwelling off of Eagle Lake Road on Oct. 23. The Haliburton Fire Department was assisted by the Minden Hills Fire Department in containing the fire, but the residence was a loss.

Land trust lauds 'enviro heroes'

At their annual gala held Oct. 22, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust took time to thank a group of individual from each of the county's four municipalities for their environmental work. From Minden Hills, TD Minden manager Carol Patrick took home the honour on behalf of the volunteers who worked on the TD Tree Day. From Highlands East, Brian Cain received a plaque on behalf of the Glamour Lake Cottagers' Association, which was instrumental in supporting the septic inspection and Love Your Lake programs. From Dysart et al, Brian Nash of Haliburton Solar and Wind was honoured for being an innovative energy company: the first in Ontario to build an off-grid demonstration centre. And in Algonquin Highlands, the Love Your Lake program of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations was chosen, represented by Rita Moore and John McHardy, which conducted shoreline evaluations.



Wilberforce Elementary School principal Elaine Fournier sprays water towards Paz, a performer with Rogers Hometown Hockey, at an assembly held to welcome the travelling show to the area at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

grabbed a rolling suitcase and left the arena for Ottawa when a much-anticipated trade was finalized. His parents, Vince and Chris Duchene, told the *Echo* that they were pleased their son would be closer to home, working for a "class" organization (the Senators) in Canada.

Report finds gap in crisis services

Two reports released by the Central East Local Health Integration Network showed improvements are needed in crisis services for Haliburton County and the surrounding area. More staff, local safe beds and the elimination of voicemail on the 24-hour helpline for those experiencing a crisis were among recommendations put forward. Although the reports were created at the request of the Central East LHIN, a spokesperson said the recommendations would not necessarily be implemented.

November

Duchene trade brings him home

Haliburton-born NHL player Matt Duchene left the ice mid-game as a Colorado Avalanche centre on Nov. 5,

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Highlands East changes from reeve to mayor

Joining the rest of the county's lower-tier municipalities, Highlands East council decided to change the title of their reeve and deputy-reeve to mayor and deputy mayor at the Nov. 1 meeting. Mayor Dave Burton explained that outside of the county, reeve is an uncommon term and required frequent explanation. Council had asked the public to weigh in on the issue with an online poll, which received 101 responses between Oct. 6 and 23. Fifty-four people voted for a change to mayor and deputy mayor, giving that option the majority.

Strike leads college to compensate for lost time

With the college strike in its fifth week, rumours were flying that students at Fleming College (including Haliburton School of Art and Design) would lose their semester. The vice president academic at Fleming College urged students not to drop out, despite the long stoppage. The fall semester was extended by a week in hopes that when the strike ended, that would give enough time for teachers and students to complete the required work. Meanwhile, the college president Tony Tilly reached out to faculty, urging a negotiated settlement. Classes across Ontario were suspended on Oct. 16.

Lack of recycling at high school cafeteria irks community

The recycling program at the cafeteria at the high school ended in June of 2016 and the school board told the *Echo* that there was no longer a program for organic waste. A student member of the school's Ecoteam told the paper that he was frustrated that students now throw recyclables in with the rest of the garbage in the cafeteria. The school board said there was recycling done in classrooms, just not in the main dining room because it had been contaminated with food scraps. "It was felt that it was better to recycle on a smaller scale correctly than to recycle on a larger scale non-successfully," the board said.

Tourism champion celebrates another win

Barrie Martin was awarded the Sustainable Tourism Award by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario at the annual Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence in Niagara Falls. Martin was nominated by Heather Reid, operations director of Abbey Gardens, who praised Martin's Yours Outdoors adventure company for its "original, engaging, enlightening" experience packages.

Fashion Fallies reboot met with fanfare

The rejuvenation of Fashion Fallies on Nov. 10 brought an eager sold-out audience to Haliburton School of Art and Design for the evening of art, a fundraiser for the local arts council. Enlivened by energetic performances, dance, music, comedy, poetry and stunning fabric creations, the wearable art event proved that there is an appetite in Haliburton for something a little different.

Council divided on pay increase

The issue of adjusting Dysart councillors' compensation proved divisive for council members. A discussion

on the issue took place during council's October meeting with Councillor Dennis Casey and Councillor Susan Norcross advocating a remuneration increase for councillors to bring their pay more in line with that of councillors in surrounding townships. The specific proposal was voted down with a recommendation that an amended version come back to the council table.

Students work to stop bullying by sharing their stories

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students told the *Echo* that they have been the target of bullying - in person at the school and online. Students and parents had taken to social media, particularly Facebook, to alert the community to the issue. The school board and local social services organizations said they were helping and available to help, however some students reported that their requests for help had gone unanswered or that what was offered did little to solve the problem.

Province steps in, ends weeks-long strike

Ontario's longest college faculty strike came to an end on Nov. 20 after the provincial government tabled back-to-work legislation to get instructors back into the classroom. Students were back to school Nov. 21. Eighty-seven per cent of striking faculty rejected the college offer on Nov. 16, prompting the Ontario government to pass the legislation. More than 12,000 faculty and 500,000 students were affected by the strike, including those at Haliburton School of Art and Design, which began on Oct. 16.

Health promoter brings home award

Local health promoter Sue Shikaze received the Ontario Public Health Association's Award of Excellence at the annual OPHA Fall Forum Nov. 8 in Toronto.



Noelle Dupret-Smith models Sandra Dupret's paper and mixed media dress and headpiece called *Rococo's Ghost: Dreams of Watteau*.

She received the honour for her work as a public health champion. Shikaze told the *Echo* she was most proud of achievements in active transportation, including the Share the Road campaign. She noted it was satisfying to see healthy living and active transportation policies implemented in official plans for the municipalities.

Study advises significant changes to County Road 21

Engineering firm AECOM Canada Ltd. recommended a number of changes to County Road 21 where it enters Haliburton Village to make the area a more complete part of the community. Councillors on Haliburton County's planning committee received the study at their Nov. 22 meeting. Among the recommendations: making the stretch from Whispering Pines housing complex to the village adhere to the "complete street" philosophy - a connected bikeable, walkable street that will improve safety and traffic.

Littles head to OFSAA

Cousins and cross-country runners Isaac Little and Alex Little both represented the Red Hawks at all-provincials Nov. 4 in Petawawa. Alex placed 46th out of 265 runners and Isaac placed 75th out of 268 runners.

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Partridge named warden for 2018

Longtime Highlands East Deputy Mayor Suzanne Partridge was named warden of the county for 2018. Partridge was the sole nominee at the Nov. 22 meeting. The warden is the head of county council, which is comprised of the mayors and deputy mayors of the four lower-tier municipalities. Partridge has been a municipal politician for nearly 20 years and was reeve of Cardiff prior to amalgamation.

Community gathers to work through grief, fear

A group of panellists came together to lead Hurting to Hope, a community event at the high school to address building concern in the community around youth mental health. Experts explained how to talk to people about suicide and where to seek help. Some parents at the event said they wanted more information on bullying and concrete plans. More wellness events are to come, organizers said.

December

Liability concerns trigger call for volunteers at outdoor rinks

Managing outdoor rinks and toboggan hills in Highlands East requires daily maintenance to ensure the public spaces are risk-free, according to the municipality's insurance provider and might not open as a result. Property supervisor Jim Alden told council on Dec. 6 that many volunteers would be needed to commit to an intense schedule to ensure the recreational opportunities were still available.

Methane capture proposal floated to committee

Dysart et al council will receive a proposal at its January meeting detailing how it can capture methane gases coming from the Haliburton and West Guilford landfills, generating income. At its environment and conservation committee meeting on Dec. 7, councillors and staff listened to a presentation by John Desbiens, president and CEO of Cambium Inc. He discussed the potential of capping the Haliburton landfill and harvesting the gas, which would then be sold.

Creative ideas needed to prevent declining arena numbers in Wilberforce

Ice rentals at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena have decreased over the past few years, council heard in December. In 2013, the ice was rented 44 hours in October and 53 in November. In 2017, it was rented 30 times in October and 45 in November. This drop caused property supervisor Jim Alden to bring the topic to council's attention. He advocated seeking out new opportunities, such as encouraging residents to rent the space for birthday parties.

Council passes on pay increase - for now

A new proposal came to Dysart council regarding boosting councillors' compensation, which has lagged behind those of the other three municipalities in Haliburton County. Councillors were given three options to choose from and when two of those options ended in a tie, the initiative was defeated, meaning no change at all. Following the meeting, chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee told the *Echo* the issue is likely to come back to the council table again. "There were probably too many options on the table to keep the choices clear," she wrote in an email. "Through that discussion, it seems like there is some interest in establishing something for 2019." Next year a new council will be taking over and one of the options had been to set a new pay schedule to go into effect then.

Danielsen named deputy warden

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen was selected as deputy warden for 2018 – the first to fill the new position. Danielsen was chosen Dec. 14 at a council meeting. The position will assist the warden, but is not a "warden-in-waiting."

HSAD sees 38 students withdraw from studies

More than one-third of students withdrew from the fall semester at Haliburton School of Art and Design following the five-week-long strike in October and November. Thirty-eight students withdrew from studies as of Dec. 15.

Health unit advocates used-needle bin in Haliburton

Francine Fernandes, a public health nurse with the health unit, came to Dysart et al council Dec. 18 asking them to install a bin in Head Lake Park for used needles. The health unit is already engaged with a local pharmacy to give clean needles to drug users as a way to reduce the risk of diseases such as Hepatitis C. Since June, 6,000 needles were handed out in Haliburton. Municipal staff told council they have found used needles in garbage cans in Head Lake Park and at least one on Highland

Street. Councillors were astounded by the information and said it was a good idea to install the bin. The issue was referred to staff.

Rib festival coming to Haliburton

Head Lake Park is likely to host a rib festival on Aug. 24 to 26. A representative from BWG Events, came to council looking for support for the event. Local company Ski-Mazing Watersports would also be involved. The intention was also to bring music acts. Councillors were supportive of the idea.

Soap hockey championship scheduled

This summer, John Teljeur of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships intends to bring soap hockey to Head Lake Park. The game is played with barefoot players sliding on a soaped up, industrial-sized tarp. The event would run July 6 to 8. Councillors asked that environmentally friendly soap be used, but otherwise the response was positive.

Compiled from stories and photos by Angelica Ingram, Chad Ingram, Darren Lum, Jenn Watt, Sue Tiffin, Olivia Robinson, Robert Mackenzie and Jerelyn Craden.



Three-year-old Arianna Hirstwood of Minden listens to Santa following the Santa Claus Parade held on Sunday, Dec. 10 in Wilberforce.



Lauren Margison plays a nun in a scene marking the destructive force of residential schools in Canada during a dress rehearsal of *Mishaabooz's Realm*, an original opera produced by Highlands Opera Studio.

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Sports in review

Brendan Bowie of Beamsville competed in the novice bucking horse event at the Ram Rodeo Tour on Saturday, June 24 at the Minden Fairgrounds. The two-day event included a variety of attractions and rodeo favourites such as bull riding, barrel racing and saddlebronc riding. /DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball power player Natalya Gimon was a study in concentration as she stretched to save a ball from landing at a Kawartha High School Volleyball League exhibition tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 13 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



Carnarvon resident Karen Koehler was overcome by emotion embracing her husband Rob Sargeant after her seventh place in the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at Haliburton Forest. Koehler helped to spearhead the effort to bring the international event to Ontario and the Highlands. /DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior tailback Camden Marra settles under a pass, which he caught and ran into the end zone against the St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints during a Kawartha High School Football League game on Friday, Oct. 13. /DARREN LUM Staff

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DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Driving out of Haliburton you'll notice a recently renovated building at the intersection of Industrial Park Road and County Road 21.

It's where a dream is being realized by award-winning ACM Designs founder and principal designer Andria Cowan Molyneaux, who has moved from her Highland Street location, measuring close to 400 square feet, to the space at 5167 County Road 21, measuring 1,000 square feet.

ACM Designs employs three staff members and provides design services for cottage, home and commercial spaces. They moved in to their new space in August.

Cowan Molyneaux said this new location has high traffic exposure and also fulfills the company's objectives by providing service to everyone regardless of physical ability.

"I feel all environments should be able to receive and support people irrespective of their abilities, whether it's a working situation or you're visiting. We certainly design to support users of all abilities, but the other part is I just think it is terrible people can't access because they can't get in the front door," she said.

The former police officer said work on the leased building (formerly Leftovers and Antiques and Neat Stuff) will continue this spring and summer with work on the exterior to make it fully accessible and to include beautification. Part of the long-term plan is to add an accessible washroom.

None of this would have been possible, she said, without local partners such as the Haliburton County Development Corporation and local demand for design services.

Clients are welcome to arrange an appointment to see Cowan Molyneaux and her staff.

The location will provide opportunities for training workshops, as ACM Designs is a member of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association. It also showcases what ACM Designs can offer clients using technological interface applications, to get to see paint chips, feel and see upholstery samples and flooring, and premium products from Cambria and appliance manufacturer Wolf.

In addition to the new location, Cowan Molyneaux has also been excited to work on the #HelluvaHut Ice Fishing Hut Makeover contest. This includes a hut makeover by ACM Designs and Hodgkinson Enterprises valued at \$3,700, new ice fishing equipment from Outdoors Plus valued at \$300, a loaded Boshkung Brewing Co. cooler valued at \$200 and lunch and fish education valued at \$300 from Yours Outdoors owner Barrie Martin, formerly of Ministry of Natural Resources.

Share a photo of your ice hut for the chance to win. Photos can be posted at helluvahut.com or on Facebook or



Founder and principal designer of the award-winning ACM Designs Andria Cowan Molyneaux is excited about the future now that she is in her new 1,000-square-foot space at the corner of Industrial Road and County Road 21 (opposite corner of Country Rose Garden Centre)./DARREN LUM Staff

Instagram with two tags: ACM Designs and #helluvahut. The contest closes before midnight on Jan. 16. A winner will be announced the next day. See acm-designs.com/contest for more details.

Sharing the corner lot space with ACM Designs is Hodgkinson Enterprises Inc. operator and owner Kevin Hodgkinson, who loves to ice fish and believes it is a great winter activity for everyone.

"It's a great family activity to do and it's something you can do for not a whole bunch of money to be honest with you. It's great to be out there and be in the outdoors. Living in Haliburton County, that's what it's about, right?" he said.

Hodgkinson, an avid ice fisher for much of his life, is excited about the contest and will be taking the hut to complete the makeover between Jan. 22 and 26. The unveiling of the winning hut will be on Jan. 27 at the Hardwater Festival, which is an inclusive event with activities such as broom-ball, kick sledding, a snowshoe race and opportunities to learn about winter survival in an effort to celebrate winter in the Highlands. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the West Guilford Recreation Centre and at Abbey Gardens.

Although he has made ice huts before, this will be his first attempt in making one over.

He hopes this contest will also raise awareness of fishing in the area.

Cowan Molyneaux, who said she has learned more about ice fishing during this process, appreciates the engagement on social media. She estimated they've received upwards of 20,000 engagements. There is a hope this contest will make people rethink the concept of an ice hut.

Cowan Molyneaux appreciated the response from women, reinforcing the idea that ice fishing is for everyone: women, men and families.

"It's just a cool kind of contest. Who doesn't want a chest full of Boshkung beer, right? I think what's the best part of this contest is that it's going to be shared with the community at large at the Hardwater Festival. It's great way for local businesses to participate in local activities that are really about being in this community," she said.

Request a consultation at ACM Designs by calling toll free: 1-844-414-LAKE. You can find out more about the Hardware Festival at www.hardwaterfestival.ca.

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minor hockey

Atom 2 team faces off against Huntsville

On Saturday the TD Bank Local League Atom 2 team faced off against the Huntsville Hidden Valley Atoms. The Storm had tough decisions to make before the game even started. Goalie Jacob Lloyd suffered an injury to his wrist and was unable to play. Centreman Andy Lippolis agreed to step up and strap on the goalie pads. Huntsville tested Andy early and often. In the final minutes of the first period Eric Mueller intercepted a pass and raced towards the Huntsville net. Although he did not score on the shot, the juicy rebound landed on Ethan Thomas's stick. Thomas made no mistakes and quickly put the puck in the back of the Huntsville net. In the second, Toby Posti let a blistering slap shot go from the point and Owen Sisson was right there in front of the net with a redirect to score the Storm's second goal of the game. The Storm worked hard in their zone and in Huntsville's end. It was halfway through the third when the hard work paid off. Thomas got his second of the game batting in another Mueller rebound. Assists going to Eric Mueller and defenceman Maxime Little. Andy Lippolis did an amazing job being thrown into the net. He stood on his head providing the crowd with lots of reason to "oooo" and "aw." Final score 8-3 Huntsville.

Next up on Sunday the TD Bank LL Atom 2 hosted the Huntsville McDonald's Atoms at the A.J. LaRue in Haliburton. Bryan Robichaud of the Storm's Atom 1 team was able to provide injury relief and stand between the pipes for the Atom 2 team. Huntsville came out strong swarming Storm's end. It wasn't until mid way through the third period that the Storm was able to get one past the Huntsville goalie. Toby Posti made it clear he'd been working

hard on his slapshot from the point when he let one go in the third period. The Huntsville goalie never stood a chance as the puck was in the back of the net before he had a chance to flinch.

Not three minutes later Posti let another shot fly. This time the tender was able to get in front of it, but Ethan Thomas was right there to smack the rebound to the back of the net for the Storm's second goal of the game. Despite the hard work from both Robichaud and the Atom 2 team Huntsville ran away with a 10-2 win.

Next up this weekend the two Storm Atom teams face off against each other at the Haliburton arena.

Bantam LL logs another shutout

Total Site Services Bantam LL team travelled to Huntsville to take on the home team on the Olympic size rink. First period saw a lot of post shots and near misses, not for a lack of trying. Jackson Wilson got the Storm on the board with five minutes remaining in the first.

The second period saw goals by Kolby McGovern, Cody Martin and Nick Phippen and beautiful passes from Jackson Wilson and Captain Reese Casey.

The third period saw a lot of action. Casey passed a beauty to Wilson for his second of the game. Then "Wonder twin power activated" as quoted by Jen Casey, the Martin brothers made a full length pass to Cody on a beautiful goal. The scoring continued moments later Tyler to Nick, Hunter Winder to McGovern and Phippen put the last one in with five seconds remaining. The team really figured out how to maximize playing as a team and passing gets many more scoring opportunities. Our goalie was able to log yet another shutout. Way to go, Total Site Service Bantams on a great game.

Submitted by Kathy Martin Convincing win for Atom AE's

Right back to the grind for the Highland Storm after the holidays. The new year started for the G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE team on Jan. 2 with traveling down to Lindsay to face the Muskies. The Storm shot out of the gate scoring 46 seconds into the game; Liam Harrison fired a pass over to Maclean Rowden who was in perfect position in front of the net. The Storm fought hard throughout the game but fell short to the Muskies 6-1.

A. J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, the G.J. Burtch Construction Atom team played against the Collingwood Blackhawks on Saturday, Jan. 6. Again the Storm came out of the gate flying scoring the first goal of the game. Evan Jones scored a beautiful goal to put the Storm up 1-0, but that lead was short lived as the Collingwood Blackhawks quickly responded with a goal of their own to make it 1-1. The second period was a reversal of the first period, the Blackhawks came out and had the Storm on their heels, they scored the go ahead goal and took a 2-1 lead, but minutes later the Storm came storming back and tied the game on an exceptional goal from Jace Mills who was setup by Parker Simms, that tandem wasn't finished. A few minutes later those same two players hooked up again and gave the Storm a 3-1 lead with a shot that picked the top corner over the goalie's shoulder. Going into the third period, up by one the Storm played their hearts out, Rowden received a pass from Wyatt Raposo for the Storm's fourth goal, and with under a minute left Mills iced the game with his third goal of the game and all but sealed the win with a hat trick for the Storm.

At the S.G. Nesbitt Arena the Highland Storm battled against the South Muskoka Bears on Jan. 7. It was a tough battle right from the opening faceoff; the games went back and forth but in the end the Storm fell short in a 6-0 loss. Please stay tuned to the

Highland Storm's website for updates on the playoff schedule.

Atom A's shut out Mariposa Lightning

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Lindsay Muskies at the A.J. LaRue arena on Saturday, Jan. 6. Both the Lindsay Muskies and the Highland Storm came out for a win. The first two periods both teams tried to get a goal. The game remained scoreless until there was only six minutes left in the period. Addison Carr scored a beauty rebound goal, putting the Storm on the scoreboard. However Lindsay wasn't giving up that easy and they scored two minutes later. Both teams tried to make a second goal happen but unfortunately the final was a 1-1 tie.

On Sunday, Jan. 7 the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travelled to Oakwood to face the Mariposa Lightning.

The Highland Storm dominated this game with a 10-0 win. Goals were scored by Addison Carr, Cheyenne Degeer, Brechin Johnston and Joshua Scheffe. A huge shout-out to Aaron Neave on the excellent goaltending and a well deserved shutout.

The next game for the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's is on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena versus the Bracebridge Bears.

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewee Thunder and Storm battle it out

On Saturday, Jan. 6 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees hosted the Durham Crusaders.

The Crusaders were on the board first by taking advantage on a power play and scored two more but the Storm kept battling hard and scored one of their own with a goal

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- Part of the Road Allowance, Registered Plan 350, in the geographic Township of Harburn, defined as Part 6 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. dated August 19, 2016.
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 3rd day of January, 2018.

Jeff Iles
Director of Planning and Land Information

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BELL MOBILITY RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WOODEN POLE TOWER

Bell is committed to providing Canadian communities high speed wireless voice and data service. To improve service, Bell is proposing to construct a 27 metre wooden pole remote sector tower with ancillary radio equipment including a shelter approximately 1m x 1.4m at the base of the tower. As part of the public consultation process as required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada), Bell's regulator under the *Radiocommunication Act*, Bell is inviting the public to comment on the proposed tower location before **February 8, 2018**, in compliance with the Municipality of Dysart et al's Policy No. 38 for the review of telecommunication tower proposals. This tower is fully compliant with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's guidelines, as found under the Client Procedures Circular (CPC-2-0-03).

TOWER LOCATION: Approximately 100m east of the Kennisis Lake Road and Watts Road intersection.

COORDINATES: Lat: 45.241375°, Long: -78.592150°

LEGAL: RDAL BTN LT 20 AND LT 21 HAVELOCK BTN LITTLE KENNISIS DR PL436 & RDAL BTN CON 2 AND CON 3 HAVELOCK S/T INTEREST IN H23090; DYSART ET AL

ANY PERSON MAY comment by close of business day on **February 8, 2018** with respect to this matter.

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by Cooper Coles assisted by Kyan Hall and Aiden Perrott. The first period ended with the Crusaders up 3-1. The second period the Crusaders took control adding four more to put them ahead 7-1. The third period the Storm netted another with Gage Hutchinson putting it in unassisted but the Crusaders added one more to take the game 8-2. The Peewees travelled to Fenelon Falls on Sunday to take on the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The Thunder struck first but the Storm answered with one of their own in the clos-

ing seconds of the first period with Hutchinson scoring assisted by Kaine Brannigan to tie it up at ones. At the start of the second Hutchinson scored again to give the Storm the lead assisted by Austin Boylan. The Thunder came back to tie it up but the Storm took advantage on the power play as Brannigan buried one in assisted by Hutchinson and Evan Armstrong to put them back on top but the Thunder came back 12 seconds later to tie it up going into the third. Both teams battled back and forth but the Thunder scored to put them ahead. The Storm tried everything they had until the dying

seconds but fell short with the Thunder taking the game 4-3. The Storm head to Parry Sound on Saturday, Jan. 13 and Sunday the 14 to play in the MPS tournament.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Atom 1 team hosts
Burk’s Falls

On Saturday, Jan. 6, at -40C local league Pharmasave Atom 1 team was hosted in Burk’s Falls by Almaguin Ice Devils for one of the most anticipated wins of the season. During the first period the Ice Devils opened up with scoring, but Logan Reid answered back one minute later with an assist by Haiden Bird and Owen Megrah-Poppe. The Ice Devils came back with another goal in the first. During the second period, Daniel Stephen opened the scoring again with an unassisted goal followed by another goal minutes later by Daniel assisted by Haiden Bird. Another goal was scored by Eric Bird assisted by Carson Jones and Jacob Mantle. In the third period, the Ice Devils scored but the Storm came right back with amazing teamwork to score two goals by Haiden Bird assisted by Eric Bird, Logan Reid and Owen Megrah-Poppe. The last second of the game, the Storm received a penalty which resulted in a penalty shot, which Brian Robichaud shut down for a final score of 6-3. Storm on!

Submitted by Chris McMartin

Midget Storm plays in
MPS playoffs

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midget team travelled to Bracebridge, Friday Jan. 5 and participated in the MPS playoffs. It was a tough weekend being short many players, which resulted in a 6-1 win against the Parry Sound Shamrocks, an 3-2 OT loss against the South Musoka Bears and a 3-1 loss against the Huntsville Otters. It was a sluggish start Jan. 5 against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Storm was missing many players between suspensions and injuries and that showed as the lines scrambled for familiarity. Luckily, the Shamrocks are no match, even with the Storm’s short bench, they skated away with a 6-1 victory. It was an early start the following day, Jan. 6, against the South Muskoka Bears. Although it took most of the first period for the Midgets to warm up, many players were back on the bench and the Storm team was ready for the challenge. Owen Gilbert got things going late in the first with a hard drive and the first goal, help from Matt Manning and Jacob Haedicke. The Bears answered back quickly, tying the game seconds before the period ended. The second period was action packed, both teams working hard for the go ahead goal. With seconds to go in the period, the Bears took the lead. The third period was intense with the Bears constantly on attack but it was goalie, Parker Smolen that continued to shut them out. His outstanding saves kept the Storm in the game. The Storm team took advantage while on a power play.

Manning’s pass gave Flood a point shot that tied the game and sent it into three-on-three overtime. It was eight three-minute periods of nail-biting overtime. However, the devastating goal came from the Bears and it was sadly over. Later in the day, the Storm Midgets met with the Huntsville Otters. This was a do or die game for both teams, as the winner would move into the finals. It was a rough, action-filled game from the start, with busy penalty boxes. However, defensive errors by the Storm gave the Otters two goals in the first period. The Storm got motivated after Lucas Haedicke jumped out of the penalty box to pick up Jacob Haedicke’s perfectly timed pass. He moved up centre and his determination cut the defence and chipped it into the net. End to end play continued in the second. With minutes left, the Otters got lucky with a goal, making it 3-1. That was the end for the Storm, they worked hard and did all they could.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Strong effort
by Bantam A Storm

Last Friday the Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo’s Foodland Bantam A faced off against the South Muskoka Bears in the opening game of the MPS Playdowns. The Storm’s Desi Davies put the Storm in the lead at the end of a very entertaining first period scoring on his own rebound. The Bears would get the next three goals, two on the power play. Brendan Coumbs made it a nail biter scoring with only a couple of minutes left and he almost tied the game with under a minute to go but the puck jumped teasingly over his stick as he stood in front of a wide open net. South Muskoka put the game out of reach in the last few seconds scoring in an empty net for a 4-2 win in a very fun game to watch.

Game 2 was against the Parry Sound Shamrocks early Saturday morning. Tyson Clements scored quickly for the Storm to give them a lead till midway through the second period when the Shamrocks finally found a way to get the puck past Storm keeper Nate Miscio. The Shamrocks took the lead later on in that middle frame scoring on a lofty shot from the blue line past a screened Miscio. Similar to game one, the Storm played a very entertaining game but found themselves on the losing end of a 4-1 score.

The final game of the day saw the Storm take on the Huntsville Otters. The boys kept up for much of the first period however the depth of the powerful Otters team finally broke through at the end of the opening frame to take a 1-0 lead on their way to a convincing 5-0 win over the Highland Storm.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Bantam girls win four
over holidays

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam Girls Jets continue to work hard and are determined to hold first place in the LLFHL.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, the team travelled to Peterborough to face the Ice Kats. The Jets took the win 3-1. Gillian Rosik got the puck, skated it past the Ice Kats defence, and got a beautiful wrist shot goal, top left corner. Haley Goulet followed adding a second goal, from a precision stick to stick pass from Rosik. The final goal was by Beth Brownlee whose patience and perseverance in front of the opponents net paid off, when she received a pass from teammate Kennedy Croskery and put it past the Ice Kats goalie.

Sunday, Dec. 31, the girls hit the road to face the Napanee Crunch for two games. Napanee took the first win 2-1 over the Jets, and the Jets won the second 2-0.

Mackenzie Hudder scored the team’s lone goal in the first game, with an awesome backhand right in front of the net. In the second game, Hannah McMann and Rosik each added to the scoreboard, unassisted.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, the team played Ennismore in Lakefield. Emma Neuman scored early in the first, with a shot from the blue line, assisted by Jaylin Frost. With no goals being scored in the second period, the Jets went on scoring streak with their stick to stick passing in the third. Goals were scored by Brownlee, Emma Tidey, and Croskery. Assists went to Frost, Rosik, and McMann.

Final score, Jets 4, Eagles 0.

Sunday, Jan. 7, the Jets took on Keene in Haliburton and won 5-3. Scoring for the Jets were Goulet (with two), both assisted by Croskery, Brownlee and Neuman unassisted, and Tidey who deked the Wolverines goalie out of her socks, with a pass from Rosik.

Bella Smolen has been on fire in net for the Jets adding to the team success.

We wish the team all the best as they travel to Orillia this weekend to participate in the annual Orillia Hawks Tournament. Go, Jets, go!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

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23. The Golden State
26. Merrymake
30. Siberian nomads
31. Pock-marked
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34. Treasure
39. Tanzanian shilling
42. Changed
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50. Consumed

51. Firm
56. Pubs
57. Leafy drink
58. Cured
59. Northern wind of France
60. Tax collector
61. Respite from the sun
62. American spy Aldrich
63. Central Standard Time
64. Myanmar ethnic group
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1. Crush
2. Razorbill genus
3. “Full House” actress Loughlin
4. Bluish green
5. Garlic mayonnaise
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7. Secretion
8. Special instance
9. A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
10. Tree genus in the mahogany family
11. Israeli city
13. Formed a theory
17. Remove
24. Type of light
25. Repeats

26. Certified public accountant
27. River in eastern France
28. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
29. Special __: military group
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36. Not even
37. Power transmission belt
38. Doctor of Education
40. Type of nerve
41. Types of tops
42. Large primate
43. Flooded, low-lying land
44. Gritty
45. Gets up
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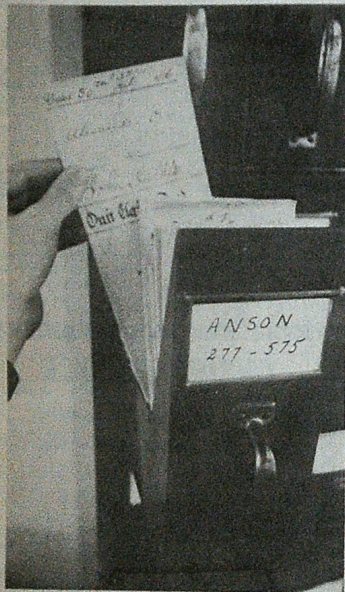
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Second Section

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Wednesday, December 12, 1979



Discover the old at county 'archive'

Registry office contains history too

History records can come in many forms. Through written accounts, photographs or simple memory, relics of information from the past can be recalled at any time.

In Minden, a detailed and factual history of Haliburton County's lands, both Crown and private, can be found at the county's Land Registry Office. In seemingly endless files of yellowed parched papers and countless legal-sized forms, a key to the past can be discovered, a key to detailed information about land many people take for granted.

It is a place where continual, up-to-date records are kept on all land transactions within the county, including records of deeds, mortgages, liens, death certificates, wills, discharges of mortgages and other documents that are registered against certain lands. It could be called an archive for this area; original forms date back as far as 1865.

And for all its enumerable documents, the office, though a branch of the provincial Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, belies all that bureaucracy has come to mean. It is instead a personal place with friendly staff and fascinating material.

At the helm is Jean Jackson, land registrar in the office since 1961. "The oldest land records of any place in the county are located here," says Jackson.

The building is the focal point for research in the legal and bureaucratic trades. Law firms are the main users of the office's facilities, because title-searching is critically important when completing a land transaction. Surveyors, banks, real estate firms all use the records extensively in their work.

The general public also can come into the office, and, for a fee, learn when their property was surveyed, who first owned it, the circumstances of that ownership, and who owned it up until present day. Records of most of the original free grants from Haliburton County to the area's first immigrants are still in the files.

"I couldn't begin to guess how many thousands of documents we would have," says Jackson. "We add another 40 to 50 every day."

Though the original papers are still in existence, they have been photographed and micro-filmed for easier storage and in case the forms are lost or destroyed. Copies of the films are sent to the head office in Toronto. Storage facilities there hold similar films from 66 other such offices in the province.

To give an idea of how extensively the facilities are used, in 1978, \$204,557 in revenue was generated from the office the money coming from fees ranging from \$1 to \$15. If all the registry offices in Ontario earned the same amount, a total of \$13,544,762 would have been generated in that year.

The clerks and registrars have little or nothing to do with the usage of the documents. Their sole purpose is to maintain the files, and help or guide the public to gather the information they require. Office users such as law firms need very specific data, critical data in most cases, and without easy access to it, the legal processing of land matters would slow considerably.

"We keep the records, but the lawyer will be the one to certify the title," says Jackson. Legal secretaries must be well-trained in title searching, since it is by no means an easy process, and some companies employ qualified title searchers solely for the purpose of wading through huge dosiers of documents to uncover an important detail.

Though the office serves a number of purposes, the basis of its existence is to contain historical land documents. Indeed, the building itself has become somewhat of an established institute in this way. Prior to 1961, the site of the registry office contained the old Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal office and the former registry building. The two buildings were refurbished in '61 and joined together, the late Napier Simpson acting as the architect in the project. Signs of the old buildings are still noticeable, notwithstanding the documents themselves, such as the huge old iron safe in which the municipal office once store valuable paraphernalia. The relic is still used in that capacity for the registry office.

When the renovation of the building was taking place, the various files had to be stored in the

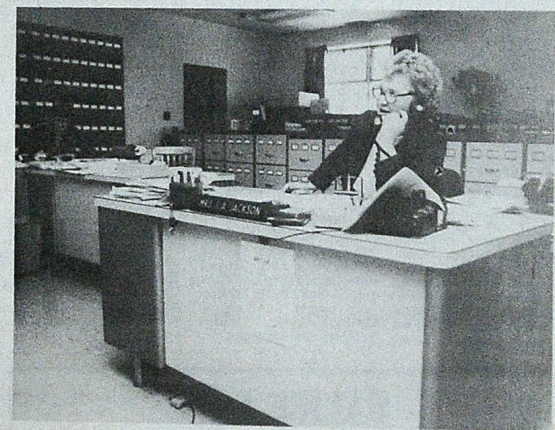


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by Joe Banks

county building, located across the street. After everything was re-established, the files were all intact, and have stayed that way ever since.

The types of information, and the way in which they are presented, have changed over the years. For instance, prior to the invention of the typewriter, and even some time after, old title books, deeds, wills and plans were all hand-written. In the days of the quill pen and ink well, hand-writing was almost considered a craft, and great care was taken in documenting details. The art of handwriting has now almost disappeared.

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When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Dorset area

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When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum

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When: Saturday Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Haliburton Highlands Camera Club Meeting

When: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

Where: Common Room at the Minden Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden

Monthly meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club

Contact: events@highlandscameraclub.ca

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When: Thursday mornings, 10 to 11 a.m. starting Jan. 18 for a 10 week course

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Where: Medeba

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Starting 2018 by sleigh

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Eleanor Cooper
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As the song says "It's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together." It can happen if you call Matt Barnhart at 705-457-8402. Last Wednesday, Mervin Steckle arranged a neighbourhood get together for Irish Line neighbours. Two rides through his bush trails with Matt's team. A sleigh ride made great fun for 20 people who further enjoyed hot chocolate and a get-warm session before braving the cold for the second ride.

Matt's team and wagon had supplied rides around Abbey Gardens back in the summer of 2017.

Marina Maughan of Eagle Lake Road who is organist at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church took a turn at our Anglican Church's Christmas Day service as Bill was supplying music at St. Margret's Anglican Church in Wilberforce. The Rev. David Barker led the service that day, the Rev. Anne Moore being on call to lead the service for the last time there before her time of retirement.

We enjoyed the presence of the Alan Coopers, all four of them, of Beth Cooper and of course George and Shireen from across the road for Christmas dinner. Much music followed, Clan Cooper singing their hearts out over seasonal carols. Alan and Philip on violin and drum respectively and as usual, Kathleen at the piano.

May all of you have a happy and prosperous new year.

Cold weather beats freezing rain

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Hope you are coping well with the unusually cold weather. Most are likely thinking of heating and snow removal costs. Snowy scenery has certainly been picturesque and better than freezing rain and ice. We hardy folks will make the best of it.

Whatever the weather we also hope the Christmas

season was pleasant for you and that this new year will be a healthy and satisfying one for you.

The annual general meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the outpost museum. This is an open meeting at which the business of the WHG in 2017 will be reviewed. Some planning for 2018 for our national historic site will take place. All welcome.

Best wishes for improved health go out to Ron Barr of Gooderham. Ron is currently in treatment in hospital in Peterborough.

We are pleased that Bessie Croft is recovering well after recent hospitalization.

Staff and students will be back at school this week. May the Christmas break have refreshed them all for learning and good times with classmates as they begin the winter term.

St. Margaret's congregation welcomed the Reverend Canon Dr. David Barker at Sunday service Jan. 7. He will be the interim Priest-In-Charge in the Anglican Parish of Haliburton until a permanent leader is appointed or selected.

There will be a noon hour soup lunch at St. Margaret's on Tuesday, Jan. 16. All welcome. A donation for local outreach will be accepted.

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County of Haliburton

Notice

Adoption of the 2018 Budget

The Council of the County of Haliburton provides PUBLIC NOTICE that they will consider approving the 2018 County of Haliburton Budget at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 24, 2018 in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

Michael Rutter, CAO/County Clerk

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PERMIT CLERK RECRUITMENT

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Please submit a resume and cover letter, preferably by email, no later than noon on January 24, 2018 to the attention of **Cheryl Coulson, Clerk @ ccoulson@dysartet.al.ca**

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Jessie Coreena Roberts
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Peacefully at Highland Wood Nursing Home in Haliburton on Friday December 29, 2017 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Frank. Loving mother of Sylvia Bradshaw (Garry), and Rocky (Kim). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jason Martin (Michelle), Jeremy (Karen), Jake, and great-grandchildren Dylan, Gracie, and Kerronia. Survived by her brother Bill Duncan. Jessie lived her faith, enjoyed photography, nature, crafting poetry and most of all time with her family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday morning, January 4, 2018 for Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation was one hour prior). Reception followed in The Community Room. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Full Gospel Lighthouse would be appreciated by the family.

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Bruce Fritshaw
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday afternoon, December 28, 2017. Devoted husband of the late Vera Mae Fritshaw (nee Cowan). Loving father of Sharen (Guy Vallee), J.C. Bernard "John" (Sharon) and Shirley. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Andre (Anita), Michelle (Steve Strayson) and by his great grandchildren Alysha, Emily and Brandon. Predeceased by his sisters Florence, Geraldine and by his brother John. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. On a hunting trip Bruce fell in love with the North Country and bought the west side of the Gainforth Farm in Haliburton in 1961. For many years he worked for the Municipality of Dysart et al as a property maintenance man. He enjoyed hunting, curling, the farm and most of all his family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, January 3, 2018 for Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation was one hour prior). Reception followed in The Community Room. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Salvation Army or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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